Dear Representatives,

Please vote against a new psych prison. We need to decriminalize mental health break downs and provide support to people with mental health issues before it becomes a crisis. Locking more people up away from the community is counterproductive. Let's put the money to better use by providing more support for housing, vocational rehab and mental health services.

I highly recommend the book "A Prison by any other Name" for further discussion about our mental health system and the impacts on people with mental health issues.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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